

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
COMMERCE & ADMINISTRATION FACULTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1985

In Attendance: S.H. Appelbaum (Chairman)

V.V. Baba (Mana.); M. Kusy (Q.M.); C. Patterson (Fin.);
R. McTavish (CCMS); C. Foster (Reg.); J. Kelly (Mana);
R. Wills (Assoc. Dean); S. K. Goyal (Q.M.); D. F.
MacDonald (Acco.); Z. Gidengil (Mktg); B.C. Desai
(Eng. & Comp.Sc.); M. Armstrong (Econ.); C.L. Sandblom
(Q.M.); J.R. Goodwin (Mana); R.J. Oppenheimer (Mana);
J.D. Blazouske (Acco); P. Wade (Acco); B. Barbieri
(Assoc. Dean); K. Argheyd (Mana); P. Brunet (Mana);
C. Potter (Fin.); H. Eiselt (Q.M.); M. Franklin (Mana);
K.L. McGown (Mktg); G. Pederzoli (Q.M.); C. Draimin
(Assoc. Dean); D. Diniacopolous (Comm. St.); J. Free-
man (std. obsrvr.); A. Palucci (Student); L. Keays (Std.
Obsrvr); S. Blanchard (Std. Obsrvr); P. d'Orsonnens (Std
Obsrvr); D. Steinlauf (CSA); P. Marchand (CSA); E. Laett
(CUSA)

I Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 09:30.

II Open Meeting

J. Goodwin requested speaking privileges for P. Brunet.
C. Sandblom requested speaking privileges for G. Pederzoli
and H. Eiselt.

III Approval of Agenda (CAFC-85-03A)

Z. Gidengil moved that the Agenda (CAFC-85-03A) be approved.

Seconded by M. Armstrong.

V.V. Baba noted that document numbers CAFC-85-03A-01C,
CAFC-85-03A-02 and CAFC-85-03A-02A be added to the Agenda.

CARRIED

IV Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (CAFC-85-02M)

J.D. Blazouske moved that the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
(CAFC-85-02M) be approved.

Seconded by S. Goyal.

J. Goodwin asked that it be included in the Minutes that it
had been requested of Council to receive the Department of
Management submission and that this had been ruled out of
order.

Pg. 4, para 3, 2nd sentence, should read "Former operations

IV Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (cont.)

Pg. 4, para 3, 2nd sentence should read: Former operations were dismantled and CCMS ...

CARRIED

V CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND QUESTION PERIOD

The Chairman welcomed Dr. B.C. Desai as the Computer Science representative (Arts and Science) on Council.

E. Laett referred to a recent article published in The Gazette concerning the Executive MBA Program. She stated that students took exception to a comment made by the Dean in this article and asked that the Dean apologize to the students in a public meeting. The Dean explained the context of the comment in relation to the context of the entire interview and noted that this one statement had been taken out of context. He went on to say that he was sorry the students were offended and sincerely hoped that his explanation would now put the comment in its proper perspective.

D. Steinlauf stated that the students perceived that they are viewed negatively. The Dean restated that the entire interview had not been published and that he was not responsible for what the reporter did or did not report. However, if the comment was perceived as offensive, he apologized.

E. Laett again requested an open meeting be held and a public apology be made. B. Desai noted that a public apology had just been made.

The Chairman stated that the above would be duly recorded in the Council Minutes which is a public document and that the students were welcome to use this document as they sought fit.

J. Kelly asked that the Executive MBA be brought to Council. He commented that the Program was not on board and should be made legitimate. People feel excluded from this; it has to be endorsed by Faculty.

C. Draimin stated that the Executive MBA Committee reports to the Graduate Studies Committee which in turn reports to Council.

The Chairman reported on the excellent turnout for the recent Open House for the Executive MBA Program and the external enthusiasm the program has generated.

D. Steinlauf asked if there was a policy regarding part-time students submitting assignments by mail if their job demanded that they be out of town on the due date. R. Wills replied that as this does not appear to be widespread, there is no set policy. He recommended that individual situations be worked out with the Professor and/or Chairman ahead of time. B. Barbieri added that the student could also utilize the student

request route.

VI Business Arising From Previous Meeting

1. Notice of Motion - Q.M. Department (CAFC-85-03A-02 and CAFC-85-03A-02A)

M. Kusy provided Council with background on the issue of the name change and the above two documents.

M. Kusy moved

that the name of the Department of Quantitative Methods be changed to the Department of Decision Science and Management Information Systems.

Seconded by S. Goyal.

D. MacDonald questioned the impact of Management Information Systems of the Department of Accountancy. M. Kusy replied that there would be no barriers to the teaching in this area by other departments.

B. Desai recommended that the motion be tabled until a meeting had taken place with the Deans of Engineering and Commerce as well as Computer Science representatives and Q.M. department members with a view to improving relations and avoiding duplication.

The Chairman referred to meetings with Dean Swamy, Dr. De Mori and Dr. Giguere and the fact that there was general agreement on the proposed name change. D. Doreen noted that there is an on-going committee dealing with the issue of duplication and he did not see what this had to do with the name change; he thus saw no rationale for tabling the motion.

General discussion ensued on the proposed name change. Many expressed concern with the length of the name and its impact on curriculum offered.

R. Oppenheimer moved

that given the number of objections expressed, the motion be tabled for one month.

Seconded by D. Steinlauf.

The motion was temporarily withdrawn.

D. Blazouske stated that MIS is an explosive title. While various departments have been given assurances regarding the curriculum implications of this name change, these assurances should be incorporated into the motion to alleviate these concerns.

VI Business Arising From Previous Meeting (continued)

C. Draimin moved

that a sub-committee be struck with membership from
Computer Science, the Department of Accountancy and Q.M.
and members of the student associations.

Seconded by R. Oppenheimer.

12 In Favour
10 Opposed
6 Abstentions

CARRIED

J. Kelly recommended it go back to the Department. M. Kusy replied that the proper procedures had been followed and that there was no reason that the motion could not be voted on today.

C. Potter asked what the implications would be. The Chairman replied that this would then go to UCCC and ultimately to Senate.

K. Argheyd supported C. Draimin's motion, stating that insufficient time had been given to Council to consider this issue and its implications.

D. Doreen moved

that Commerce & Administration Chairmen invite
members of Computer Science as well as student
representatives to constitute this sub-committee.

Seconded by S. Goyal.

17 In Favour
5 Abstentions

R. Wills requested that he attend as an observer; Council agreed to this.

VII Reports From Standing Committees

1. Commerce Graduate Studies Committee

C. Draimin announced that preliminary discussions were underway for the M.Sc. Program. This would be an umbrella degree with potential options in I.R., O.B. and H.R.M., Acco., Inter. Busi., Fin., Q.M., and Mktg. The GSC will meet on April 12th and he hoped to bring forward an avant project of the proposal at the Council Meeting of May 3.

He went on to announce that the external appraisal report of the MBA Program had been received. The Board of Graduate Studies will use this and prepare their own report to which we will have to repond. He concluded by stating that a proposal would be brought to the Graduate Studies Commiteee for a Masters in Institutional Administration.

VII Reports From Standing Committees (continued)

P. Wade asked what procedures could be followed to propose changes in the MBA Program. This was in regard to proposing that it be obligatory for students to have micro-computers.

J. Goodwin requested that Chairmen and Departments be given an update on the Executive MBA Program. He suggested that the Dean and Mr. Mahlab attend forthcoming Departmental meetings for this purpose.

The Chairman agreed with this.

2. Commerce Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

R. Wills presented Council with a brief update on the proposed Core Curriculum.

R. Wills moved

that CAFC-85-03A-01 with the amendment CAFC-
85-03A-01C be accepted as the Core Curriculum
for Commerce & Administration.

Seconded by M. Armstrong.

D. Steinlauf questioned that the Q.M. passing minimum for finals had been raised from 40 to 50%.

B. Desai stated that QM 222 was shown as 221; R. Wills noted that this was a typographical error.

C. Sandblom expressed his opposition to the Q.M. core. He added that although due process had been followed, he was voicing his concern as a member of Council and the Department of Q.M.

The motion was put to vote.

19 In Favour
2 Opposed
(C. Sandblom
J. Goodwin)
3 Abstentions

CARRIED

VIII Reports From Faculty Representatives on University Committees

1. University Senate - Nothing to Report.
2. Arts and Science Faculty Council - Nothing to Report.
3. University Curriculum Coordinating Committee - Nothing to Report.
4. Board of Graduate Studies - Nothing to Report.

VIII Reports From Faculty Representatives on University Committees (continued)

5. Computer Science Committee - P. Wade informed Council that they were actively looking into ways for students to be able to purchase their own micro-computers.
6. Library Committee - Nothing to Report.
7. C.A.S.A. - V.V. Baba announced that the deadline for applications for seed grants is March 31st.
8. Visiting Lecturers Committee - Nothing to Report.
9. Board of Governors - Nothing to Report.

IX Adjournment

It was moved by J. Palucci that the meeting be adjourned.
Seconded by D. Steinlauf.

X Next Meeting

CARRIED

The next regular meeting of Faculty Council will be held on Friday, May 3, 1985 at 09:30 in Room Gm 503-48 (SGW)

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET: There will be a special meeting of Commerce and Administration Faculty Council held on Tuesday, May 21, 1985 at 09:30 in Room GM 503-48 (SGW Campus) for approval of the Spring 1985 Graduation List